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CLARK GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Wife Murderer Pleads Guilty of Murder in First Degree

TRIAL IS SOON OVER

Convicted Man Followed Victim to Neighbor's House Where He Shot Her to Death

Joseph Clark, who murdered his wife, Ella Clark, by shooting her five times with a pistol, on May 16th, was sentenced to life imprisonment today by Judge L. C. Barley, of the corporation court.

The sentencing of the murderer came as a surprise, as it was thought that a long trial would take place.

This morning was set for the hearing by Judge Barley of the arguments by Attorney Robinson Moncure, Clark's attorney, on his motion to have the indictment quashed. Clark appeared in court and after a few minutes consultation with his attorney, it was announced that he would enter a plea of guilty in the first degree. Judge Barley announced that the plea would be accepted with the consent of Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent and sentenced Clark to life imprisonment.

DELEGATES BARRED.

Chicago, June 8.—By a vote of 23 to 20 the credentials committee last night endorsed the recommendation of the national committee that seats be granted to none of the delegates from the District of Columbia.

The credentials committee was so shocked by the report of the national committee regarding alleged fraud and intimidation on the part of the three contesting factions that it decided it would be unwise to seat any of the delegates.

The committee announced it would sit throughout the night to dispose of all the contests.

The Hitchcock forces acquired two more delegates in Oklahoma by the action of the committee in seating John V. Hadley and Charles Moore, of the Sixth Oklahoma district, and in unseating O. A. Mitscher and A. D. Wood, whose names had been placed on the temporary roll.

DENIES HE BACKS HUGHES.

Cincinnati, June 8.—Charles P. Taft, whose millions were used in the campaigns of his brother, ex-president William Howard Taft, said yesterday neither he nor his bankroll are backing Justice Hughes for President, as reported Tuesday.

"There is absolutely no truth in the rumor," said Taft, "I am at a loss to know how the report started. I am surprised it came from New York, for one may expect almost any kind of a report to come from Chicago, these days. I am out of politics, and what money I have is out, too."

"This rumor goes to show, however, that the people all over the country want Hughes for President. How about me? Well, here in Ohio we are all for Burton."

BROUN COMES TOMORROW.

Charles M. Broun, of Roanoke, Va., representing the State Corporation Commission, will come to Alexandria tomorrow to hear the arguments in the case of the water consumers vs. Alexandria Water Co.

The arguments will be heard in the Corporation Courtroom and will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Attorney Walter U. Varney will appear for the water consumers of Alexandria County, Howard W. Smith for the water consumers of Alexandria city, and Garfield L. Boothe for the Alexandria Water Co.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington today to John T. Sweeney of Alexandria, and Eva B. Marmaduke of Washington and to William Lewis and Catherine Dean both of Alexandria.

VIRGINIA LABOR CHIEFS

R. E. L. Heckman, Roanoke, Heads State Federation

Bristol, Va., June 8.—The Virginia Federation of Labor concluded its twenty-first annual convention here yesterday after voting to meet next year in Roanoke. The following officers were elected: President, R. E. L. Heckman, Roanoke; secretary, C. P. Harwood, Richmond; secretary-treasurer, F. S. Lyon, Newport News; sergeant-at-arms, R. O. Beck, Portsmouth, and vice-presidents, W. E. Doherty, Norfolk; D. W. Seneker, Bristol; A. H. Willy, Hampton; William Boucer, Portsmouth; Miss Fannie Young, Danville; M. L. Latham, Fredericksburg; Miss Fannie Carmichael, Lynchburg, and J. W. Hatch, Clifton Forge. Members of the State executive board are C. D. Jackson, Portsmouth; C. H. Perry, Norfolk; J. G. Clinedinst, Newport News, and C. V. Fines, Bristol.

A resolution provides that no person shall be admitted as a delegate to the future conventions who cannot satisfy the credentials committee that he or she has not less than three union labels on garments worn when appearing for recognition was adopted. A resolution offered by E. C. Davidson, of Richmond, pledging the federation not to patronize merchants or firms of any kind that do not keep union-made goods received the endorsement of the convention.

The session is said to have been one of the stormiest sessions in the history of the State Federation. R. E. L. Heckman, who was re-elected president is of the Carmen's union, of Roanoke. The opposition faction centered on C. H. Anderson, of the Norfolk navy yard, and but for the fact that Delegate Reed, refused to support Anderson the latter would have been elected. The vote was 81 to 69 in favor of Heckman.

"Delegates admitted that all efforts to restore harmony in the federation had failed. The American movement was represented as a harmony movement and Anderson was urged as a harmony candidate."

Great difficulty was had in preserving order during the long and heated debate over the presidency.

Heckman's friends claim his reelection is an exoneration from the charges against him.

SCHLATTER CURED THEM.

Witnesses Testify in Fight Against Extradition.

New York, June 8.—Witnesses who told of being "miraculously cured" of various diseases by the Rev. Francis Schlatter through prayer and the "laying on of hands" testified before United States Commissioner Houghton yesterday in proceedings instituted to resist the removal of the so-called "Messiah of New Mexico" and the Rev. August Algard to Los Angeles, where they are under indictment on charges of using the mails to defraud.

The witnesses testified that they were cured of tuberculosis, rheumatism, catarrh and other maladies. No money was asked by Schlatter, they said, but several admitted that they had made "donations." One woman declared that the healer gave her money when he learned she was poor.

Schlatter is charged with having sent through the mails handkerchiefs he had blessed, which were supposed to be applied to the affected part of the body in curing disease.

NORTH SEA BATTLE

Germany Claims Engagement Was Not Result of Chance

Berlin, June 8.—That the meeting of the German and British fleets in the Skagerrak last week was not the result of chance, but of a carefully worked out German plan to corner and destroy the sections of the British navy which had been reported near the southern coast of Norway, is stated here on highest authority.

It is the first explanation of the German announcement soon after the battle that the fleet was on "an enterprise directed northward." "The German fleet," said the statement, "advanced in order to force battle with the parts of the British fleet which had been repeatedly reported cruising off the Norwegian coast."

REPUBLICANS

MEET PLACIDLY

Hughes Still Seems to Be in Lead For the Nomination

ROOSEVELT PHANTOM

Progressives Apparently Determined to Support No Other Candidate Than Colonel

Coliseum, Chicago, June 8.—Republican leaders intimate the convention work will be speeded up and the nominations made tonight. Rumors of this created a big sensation. It indicates Hughes backers feel certain they will win.

Chicago, June 8.—Peace talk filled the air today, but peace is still remote. Like the European allies and the central powers, each side is perfectly willing to make peace on its own terms.

The Republican leaders are willing to compromise with Roosevelt if he will eliminate himself and name some other candidate. The Bull Moose insist it must be Roosevelt, and they declared anew today that their decision to nominate him had not been changed.

Chicago, Ill., June 8.—It is evident to any disinterested observer that the Republican party again has abandoned itself to a bitter contest of personalities, and that it has lost its opportunity to give the country a demonstration of patriotic usefulness.

Once more the conflicting elements, centering wholly around the conflicting candidacies, seem bent upon a suicidal course. They are split on no great issues. They are driven apart by no vital questions of policy. They are testing their strength wholly upon other lines—a circumstance which the whole country must deplore.

In a season like this, when the American people are face to face with the most serious problem, it would seem that the historic Republican party would have placed itself in a position either to contribute a strong and forceful administration or at least to have given us a minority, which would have stood watch over the majority party.

It may not even yet be too late for the Republicans and Progressives to bury their differences and agree upon a program of construction rather than destruction. All signs last night, however, discourage that hope and lead to the belief that the harmony plans are about to go up on the rocks.

The Progressives seem determined to support no candidate but Roosevelt. The Republicans will not take Roosevelt under any circumstances, and now have definitely decided to nominate Hughes. This means a third ticket and the overwhelming defeat of both factions.

There is still a remote chance that Roosevelt will decline the Progressive nomination once he finds that Hughes stands for all that he himself stands for, but this chance is so remote that a split organization is about as certain as anything can be in such a situation as this.

More political leaders were predicted the nomination of Justice Chas. Evans Hughes last night than at any time since the Republican National Convention began to assemble. They declare that unless the accumulation of overwhelming circumstantial evidence fails to reflect the situation in its true light, the nomination of the Justice will come even sooner than has been predicted. The men who take this view are practical politicians, whose estimates are based on careful canvass of the delegates.

The situation is illustrated best by the fact that conferences between leaders to discuss the availability of different candidates practically have ceased, indicating their belief that a majority of the delegates already have reached a decision to name Justice Hughes.

DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Large boiling trout, medium trout, white perch, sea bass, butter fish, Spanish mackerel and large Potomac shad will be for sale by Geo. E. Price and Co. City Market, Phone 321J

Mr. Ferguson Bryan of this city took the entrance physical examination for Annapolis this morning. Mr. Tupper Barrett left this afternoon for the same purpose.

Among those receiving diplomas at the commencement of George Washington University last night, were Howard I. Arnold and John Marshall Gaines, both receiving the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy.

In the Circuit Court in vacation today the will of Thomas Blair, colored, was admitted to probate. The deceased left house 123 north Henry street to his widow, Cecelia Blair, and house 121 north Henry street to his daughter Virgie. J. D. Nor. moyle, qualified as executor.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Administration's Foreign Policy Will be Foundation Plank.

The outcome of the administration's efforts to keep the United States out of war, and at the same time maintain the national honor, will be the foundation of the foreign affairs plank and one of the emphasized points in the platform to be adopted by the Democratic national convention at St. Louis, according to authoritative information obtained last night from administration sources. Since the renomination of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall is regarded as assured the platform now is receiving the chief attention of Democratic leaders.

As a result of conferences with members of his cabinet and other advisers, President Wilson, who personally began work several days ago on platform to be submitted to the convention by party leaders, virtually has completed a preliminary draft, leaving only details to be finished after the Republican and Progressive conventions at Chicago.

The President has utilized as a basis for this work features of the Missouri State Democratic platform which was prepared, officials made known last night, under the direction of the White House.

Following out this idea it is understood that the national platform will declare the success of the administration in guarding the honor and interests of the United States in the face of obstacles and at the same time keeping the nation at peace.

The Mexican situation will be referred to, it is said, by praise of the President's refusal to allow the nation to be drawn into the internal strife raging in Mexico and of the prompt action in ordering troops across the border after the Columbus massacre.

Finally, it is understood the foreign affairs plank will align the party behind the President in placing "America first," with reference to all questions, both international and domestic.

The tariff is expected to be the subject of an important plank, the platform coupling the Underwood revision with the currency law and other constructive legislation of the past four years in a prosperity declaration.

GALE IMPERILS TRAIN.

74 Trees Blown Across Tracks, Halts Georgia Traffic Four Hours.

Savannah, June 8.—The Central of Georgia Railroad train was delayed for four hours Tuesday night between Augusta and Waynesboro, by a terrific storm of cyclonic fury, which blew 75 trees across the tracks and threatened at one time to lift the train from the rails.

The gale was the worst this section has ever experienced. The sky was black and the rain came in sheets. The wind was so strong that it blew automobiles about on the streets, of Augusta. The wind reached a velocity of between 75 and 100 miles an hour.

After leaving Augusta the train encountered a barrier of fallen trees which littered the tracks for many hundred yards. It was impossible for the train to proceed until a section gang could be summoned to clear the tracks of this debris.

PROGRESSIVES

STANDING FIRM

Becomes Evident They Will Take No One But Colonel

MAY BE THIRD TICKET

Supporters of Former President Neither Pusy-Footed Nor Especially Conciliatory

Oyster Bay, June 8.—"I have no present intention," was the reply Colonel Roosevelt made today to newspaper men who pressed him for a definite answer to the question, "Are you going to Chicago?"

The Colonel said he received the telegraphed request of National Committeeman William P. Jackson, of Maryland, asking that he come to Chicago, and address the Republican convention.

His reply to it will be made some time today, probably at noon. The Colonel was preparing the answer this morning. He would not indicate what its text would be.

Chicago, June 8.—Charles J. Bonaparte arrived here yesterday to attend the sessions of the Bull Moosers' National Convention, and yesterday evening gave out a statement in which he served notice upon the Republicans that they would have to take Roosevelt or take the 1912 medicine again. He did not use those words, but that is the substance of what he said.

This statement from Mr. Bonaparte may be significant of Colonel Roosevelt's course in the expected event that he is nominated by the Bull Moosers and Justice Hughes is nominated by the Republicans. One of the big questions—really the biggest question in Chicago—is: "Will Roosevelt accept the Bull Moose nomination and run if the Republicans live up to the schedule and nominate Hughes?" Mr. Bonaparte, who was Secretary of the Navy and Attorney-General under Roosevelt, and is one of the latter's intimate friends evidently thinks he will.

Mr. Bonaparte's statement, given out after he had heard Raymond Robin's speech in reaffirmation of the Progressive doctrines and had seen the uproarious lengthy Roosevelt demonstration in the Bull Moose Convention shows that in his very well-informed judgment there is no possibility that that convention will not nominate Roosevelt, and little possibility that it will be slow about doing so in order to allow time for further dealing between the leaders of the two parties.

The statement is as follows: "I was delighted with Mr. Robin's speech, it was a real keynote, unless I am altogether mistaken as to the temper and purpose of the Progressive convention. The great majority of that body is not, in my opinion inclined to be at all pussy footed or especially conciliatory, and I shall be surprised if it sanctions any compromise with respect to the Presidential proposition to nominate Mr. Roosevelt just as soon as its leaders allow it to do so; and I do not believe it could be induced to nominate anybody else, even if requested by the Colonel himself."

"I have not the least idea what the Republicans intend to do; but as I see things, the question whether there shall be two tickets in the field, as in 1904, or there as in 1912 is squarely up to them and they must answer this question."

Potomac Fish Co., will have rock, butter fish, flounders, Spanish mackerel, salt water trout, sea bass, clams and crab meat on sale tomorrow, N. Royal street both phones 198.

DEATH NOTICE

On Monday, June 5th, 1916, at 4:40 p. m. THOMAS LUTHER FINKS, beloved husband of Lucy Leef Finks. Funeral services from his late residence 1305 King Street, on Thursday June 8th, at 3:30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances invited.

ATTACKS U. S. CONSULATE

Mexican Mob in Chihuahua, Also Wreck Foreign Club.

Chihuahua, June 8.—A mob of several thousand persons attacked the American consulate last night, tore down the official consulate shield over the door and shattered all the windows.

Gen. Lopez rushed a detachment of troops to the consulate and drove the infuriated mob away from the building.

The crowd then swarmed toward the Foreign Club. All sorts of missiles were hurled through the windows. The doors were broken down and attempts made to burn the building.

A score of engineers, including several Americans, who had taken refuge in the Foreign Club, escaped by making their way over the roofs. They were pursued by the mob and their homes stoned.

The city has been placed under martial law by Gen. Jacinto Trevino. Trevino told an immense gathering in the opera house tonight that unless the American government immediately withdrew its soldiers from Mexico the de facto government would call all Mexicans to arms.

SUFFRAGISTS PARADE.

Fifteen Thousand Women Defy Elements in Chicago Yesterday.

Chicago, June 8.—It takes enthusiasm and bravery to stand up for a rising vote here, but the women suffragists did it yesterday in the Princess Theater, and thereby decided to parade down Michigan avenue through a wind and rain storm.

The suffragists in convention decided long ago to turn out 25,000 strong and march to the Republican platform.

More than 15,000 strong the women led by their grand marshal, Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank, of Chicago, got out and marched through the rain and thousands of other suffragists would have walked were it not for the fact they had brought to town only the thinnest of summery frocks of pink and white.

Gasps of admiration and ringing cheers came from the rubber-coated street standees, and the spectators indoors who jammed the big hotels, offices buildings and stores along the line.

Bandmen who ventured out without rain coats were dripping. The women lawyers, artists, nurses and companies of just plain workers for the cause fought their way along through high winds and a vicious downpour of rain that never let up for a minute. Somehow there was a note of pathos running through it all.

Up ahead of the first company, her tall figure covered in a glistening yellow slicker, marched Mrs. Herbert Sanford Carpenter, of New York.

AUSTRIANS CHECKED.

Held Back at All Points While Counter Attacks Gain, Says Rome

Rome, June 8.—Checks for the Austrians all along the line of their attack in the southern Tyrol are reported by the war office. The important Coni Zugna position in the Adige valley is still firmly held, while near Campo Mulo, northeast of Asiago, an Italian counter attack was notably successful. The official statement follows:

"The enemy on Monday evening repeated his violent attacks, supported by intense artillery fire, against our positions in the upper valley of the Arsa, on Monte Spire and along the Campo Mulo valley, northeast of Asiago. He was everywhere repulsed, with heavy losses. On the heights east of the Campo Mulo we vigorously counter attacked the enemy infantry, pursuing them with the bayonet to the bottom of the valley."

On Tuesday along the whole front from the Adige to the Brenta artillery action occurred. Enemy attempts to attack in the direction of Coni Zugna, in the Adige valley, and against our positions southeast of Asiago were promptly repelled by our fire."

FISH DAY TOMORROW

Rock fish, Spanish mackerel, white perch, sea bass, butter fish, Jersey trout and large clams 15c dozen. Sanitary Fish Market, Stall No. 2 City Market, Phone 735. No flies

KAISER CLAIMS MASTERY OF SEAS

German Emperor Declares Great Britain's Control at End

ADDRESSES SAILORS

Teutons Admit They Lost Two Warships Not Heretofore Reported In Last Week's Battle

Berlin, June 8.—In the complete account of the Emperor's speech to the sailors of the fleet at Wilhelmshaven Tuesday, which was published here, the Emperor is quoted as saying that the great naval battle off Jutland has destroyed Great Britain's supremacy on the sea.

"When the great war came," the Emperor said, "envious enemies suddenly attacked the Fatherland. The army, by desperate fighting against superior foes, slowly conquered them one after another. But the fleet waited in vain for a real fight. In numerous individual encounters the navy clearly demonstrated its heroic spirit but was forced to wait month after month for a general battle."

"Repeated efforts were made to bring the enemy out, but they proved fruitless until the day finally came last week when the gigantic fleet of Albion, ruler of the seas since Trafalgar was fought 100 years ago, appeared in the open surrounded with a nimbus. Instantly our fleet engaged this superior British armada and with what result? The English fleet was beaten. The first big blow was dealt the English fleet; whose tyrannical supremacy was shattered."

"The news electrified the world and caused unprecedented jubilation everywhere that German hearts beat. Your success in the North Sea fight means that you have added a new chapter to the history of the world. God Almighty steered your arms and gave you clear eyes to accomplish this."

"I, standing here today as your supreme war lord, thank you from the bottom of my heart. As the representative of the Fatherland I thank you and in the name of my army I bring you its greetings because you have done your duty unselfishly and only with the one thought that the enemy must be beaten."

"At a time when the enemy is slowly being crushed before Verdun and when our allies have driven the Italians from mountain to mountain you add new glories to our cause. The world was prepared for everything, but not for the victory of the German fleet over the English. The start which you have made will cause fear to creep into the bones of the enemy. What you have done you did for the Fatherland, that in the future it may have freedom of the seas for its commerce. Therefore I ask you to join me in three cheers for our dearly beloved Fatherland."

London, June 8.—A German official statement received in Amsterdam today admits the sinking of the large battle cruiser Lutzow and the small cruiser Rostock in the Skagerrak naval engagement, according to dispatches received here this noon.

The boats sank on their way to harbor after the battle.

Earlier mention of their loss was not made, say the dispatches, because of military considerations.

The admission of the loss of the Lutzow and the Rostock brings the total admitted German loss to twelve ships, 64,993 tons. Before the admission it stood at 32,000 tons, as against admitted British losses of about 114,000 tons.

GIVEN EIGHT-YEAR TERM.

Robert Johnson, colored, who was arrested several weeks ago on the charge of robbing a residence on Duke street extended, was brought before the Corporation Court this morning and sentenced to serve eight years in the penitentiary.

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